THE TALK LAST NIGHT AT MR. WHIT-

NEY'S DINNER.

Seven Sound-Money Democrats the Ex-Secre

Not to Offend Tammany-Sheeban Die

tary's Gueste-Mr. Scott Didn't Attend, I

Was Said, Because He's Anxious Just Now

Seven sound-money Democrats were the guest

of the Hon. William C. Whitney at the dinner

e gave last night at the Metropolitan Club.

The guests were ex-Gov. Roswell P. Flower, the Hon. Maurice J. Power, Thomas F. Ryan,

ex-Mayor Hugh J. Grant, Francis Lynde Stetson, E. Ellery Anderson, and Joseph C.

Hendrix. The dinner was served in the private dining room on the third floor of the

club. The table was decorated with American

Beauty roses and ferns. The centre piece was

made to represent an oval bed of roses, bordered with ferns. Just before the dinner began Mr.

Whitney was seen by a SUN reporter. He said:

affair. I have simply invited a few of my Demo-

cratic friends to dine with me, and they accept

sound-money Democrats ?" asked the reporter.

"Oh, yes; I think you will be quite safe in saying that," was the reply, "They're all

On his way upstairs to the dining room ex-

Gov. Flower was asked what questions were

"Ob, I don't know," was Mr. Flower's answer.

But I don't think there is any political signifi-

cance to the affair. I was invited. I'm going,

There was a broad smile on the ex-Governor's

face as he said this, and he winked one eye when

the reporter asked if private dinners gotten up

for the express purpose of discussing politics

matters ever had political significance befor

"Don't remember that they ever have." an

swered Mr. Flower. "No, they never do before

whether or not they have significance later on

speech. I suppose we'll say a lot of things, but

hanged if I know now what they'll be. I sup-

pose we'll talk about other things besides the

dinner, though. But, mind you, this is all guess-

It will be noticed that Corporation Counsel

Francis M. Scott was not among Mr. Whitney's

guests. Mr. Scott is at the head of the sound-

money Democratic organization, but there are

those who say that, with a view to securing the

nomination for Justice of the Supreme Court

he is inclined just now to coquette with

Tammany. These same persons say that from a

I know one thing; I haven't been asked to make

hand. It depends on a good many things, too

and I expect to have a good time. That's all I

d the invitation. That's all there is to it

likely to be discussed during the evening.

sound-money Democrats."

they were given.

work on my part."

"There is no political significance about the

"It is safe to say that all your guests will be

Generally fair and warmer.

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40 MINERS FROM KLONDIKE.

THEY STRIKE SAN FRANCISCO WITH OVER \$500,000.

Lets of Gold Dust in Buckskin and Canvas Rage, Glass Fruit Jare, and Jelly Tumblers -Latest Reports from the Most Wonderful Placer Mines in the World-Henp of Gold.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—The stories of the fabulous richness of the new Klondike mines near the Upper Yukon were proved true to-day when forty miners arrived from that camp with gold amounting to over \$500,000. They came in on the steamer Excelsior, which also brought \$250,000 in gold dust for the Alaska Commer-

cial Company.

This mass of yellow dust, which ranged in size from a bazelnut to fine birdshot and kernels of sand, was poured out on the counter at Selby's smelting works on Montgomery street and then shovelled with copper scoops into the great melting pot. Those who saw the gold in one heap said no such spectacle had been seen in this city since the days of '49, when miners used to come down here from the placer districts and change their gold for \$20 pieces.

The luckiest of these miners are Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lippey, who left here in April, 1896. They brought back \$60,000. They went in by way of Juneau over the divide and Mrs. Lippey was the first woman to go over this trail. She is a small, wirr woman with skin tanned to the color of sole leather. She seemed none the worse for the hardships of Yukon life. She is a good rifle shot and brought with her the antlers of a moose which she had shot.

Hollinshead and Stewart, two miners, who had been at work for a year, had 1,500 ounces, worth about \$25,000. Other tenderfeet had done better, for in a few weeks some of them had cleaned up from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Several of the men who arrived to-day had bought claims on time, paying a small sum down and agreeing to pay all the way from \$10,000 to \$25,000 in three to six months. Most of them cleaned up enough gold in a month to pay for their claims and still have a good sum left over.

When the men arrived here they found the United States mint closed for the day, and so they carried their sacks of gold to the office of Selby's smelting works. They were weather beaten and roughly dressed, but the their appearance these men began to produce sacks of gold dust ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000 in value. Some of the sacks were regular buckskin bags, well ade; others were of canvas, black and grimy from long handling with dirty fingers. As fast as the bags were weighed they were ripped open with a sharp knife and the contents were poured out on the broad counter. Then some of the miners produced from bundles and coat pockets grass fruit jars and jelly tumblers filled with gold dust and covered with writing paper carejuly secured with twine. It seems that the supply of gold bags ran out and this was the only way to bring the treasure down.

when all the gold dust was poured out it made a nice heap, on which the spectators gazed us though fascinated; but the smelting men calmly scraped it up and cast the yellow dust in,o a big pot, which was wheeled into the smelting room.

A letter from one of the officials of the Alaska Commercial Company, at Circle City, gives this account of the great rush to the new diggings: The excitement on the river is indescribable,

and the output of the new Klondike district is almost beyond belief. Men who had nothing last fail are now worth a fortune. One man has worked forty square feet of his claim and is going out with \$10,000 in dust. One-quarter of the claims are now selling at from \$15,000 to \$50,000. The estimate of the district is given as thirteen square miles, with an average of \$300,000 to the claim, while some are valued as high as \$1,000,000 each. A number of claims have been purchased for large sums on a few months' credit, and the amount has been paid out of the ground before it became due.

"At Dawson sacks of gold dust are thrown under the counter in the stores for safekeeping. The peculiar part of it is that most of the locations were made by men who came in last year, oid-timers not having had faith in the indications until the value of the region was assured, whereupon prices jumped so high that they could not get in. Some of the stories are so fabulous I am afraid to repeat them for fear of being suspected of the infection.

There are other discoveries reported a little beyond and on the Stewart River, but these have not yet been verified. Labor is \$15 a day and board, with 100 days' work guaranteed; so you can imagine how difficult it is to hold employees. Men who were looking for bits last year are now talking and showing thousands, and the air is full of millions. If the reports are true, it is the biggest placer discovery ever made in the world, for though other diggings have been found quite as rich in spots, no such extent of dirt has been known which prospected and worked so high right through."

STILETTO IN COLLISION.

The Torpedo Boat Made Hard Work in Weathering the Gale at Bristol, R. I. BRISTOL, R. I., July 14.-The torpedo boat Stiletto got a pretty severe buffeting from wind and wave in Bristol harbor this morning, and for a while things looked squally for the craft. Together with the Government tug Leydon and the torpedo boat Cushing, the Stiletto was here for the trial of the tornedo boat Dupont. A southwest gale began to sweep the harbor about 9 o'clock, and things were soon in such bad shape that the Cushing hoisted anchor and steamed off shore half a mile, where she found a berth where she could swing free.

The Stiletto had dragged her anchor somewhat, and was getting the full force of the wind and heavy sea, and was in great danger of smashing into a steam yacht anchored near her. She soon attempted to follow the example of the Cushing. It was found impossile to raise the anchor, and as a collision see inevitable, the cable was slipped and the torpede boat got away. By this time the wind was blowing forty miles an hour or more, and the waves were dashing clear over the little craft. She went ahead a bit, but the steam yacht Augusta was in the way, and do what they could, the officers on the torpedo boat could not clear the steam yacht, and the two came together with a crash. They bounded together a couple of times, and the Augusta got the worst of it. The Stilletto finally cleared and headed away for Newport, but it was with difficulty that she made headway against the wind and sea. She was washed from stem to stern every time she buried her nose in the sea. She managed to pull through all right.

HURRIED TO MARRY A WIDOW. Rentucky Preacher Gets a Divorce and a Once Goes Into Matrimony Again.

LEXINGTON, Ky., July 14 .- The Rev. Early R Christian Church, went to Cincinnati to-day to marry Mrs. Jennie Hunter, a joung widow o Cripple Creek, Col. Redmon obtained a divorce from his first wife, who was Miss Sarah Las brick, on last Monday. He charged her with unfaithfulness, and the evidence sustains the charge, Several months ago while Mrs. Hunter was visiting in Indianapolis she inserted an advertisement in a Cincinnati paper for a male correspondent. Mr. Redmon, who had already brought suit for divorce against his unfaithful wife, answered the advertisement, with the result that a correspondence sprang up, and ultimately the preacher made a clean breast of his marital troubles to the widow, and she promised to marry him when he obtained his divorce. Judge Parker handed down a decision in Redmon s favor late on Monday. Redmon telegraphed Mrs. Hunter to meet him in Cincinnati this morning, and he left on an early train to marry the Colorado widow, who is wealthy. They will come to Lexington to live. she inserted an advertisement in a Cincin-

GOPHERS DESTROY A CANAL. M. J. O'BRIEN FOR MAYOR.

an Oklahoma City Enterprise Ruined by the Pecky Antonia.

PERRY, Oklahoma, July 14.-Gophers have destroyed a \$40,000 canal at Oklahoma City The recent filling up of the canal where it passes through the southern part of the town is the end of what once promised to be the most remunerative enterprise in Oklahoma.

Public-spirited capitalists believed that the vaters of the rapidly flowing North Canadian River could be used to operate all the mills that could be placed on its banks at Oklahoma City. Engineers were employed to make a survey, and it was said that a canal five miles long could be made to carry the water that ran a distance of twenty miles by the sinuous course of the river. The fall was nearly thirty feet, enough it was

believed to develope 2,000 horse power.

More than \$40,000 was expended in construct ing the canal. It was diked part of the way and the river was crossed twice. The canal was twenty-five feet wide and four feet deep. Its completion was an occasion of importance in Oklahoma City. Four inches of water were let in the head gate and the electric light plant and a large flouring mill were run as if by magic.

An unsuspected enemy, small in size, but prodigious in industry, soon overwhelmed the enterprise in disaster. The banks of the canal were of porous, sandy soil. Gophers attacked the dike. A hole no larger than a man's wrist, burrowed by these animals, widened into a crevice in half an hour and the water easily swept away the sandy dikes. The repairs were constant and costly. The promoters grew discouraged. The money panic swept over the country and the canal was a wreck. Its flood gates are gone and the masonry is a pile of débris. Farmers are now ploughing up the right of way and the canal

KAVANAGH'S LATEST EXPLOIT.

laid up for several days from the injuries he received, returned to duty the first of the week. Yesterday afternoon he stopped another runaway at the risk of his life, but this time was not

About 5 o'clock a spirited horse attached to a light side-bar buggy and driven by David Curley of 318 East Thirty-fifth street became unmanageable at the Boulevard and Eightieth street and started off with the bit in his teeth. It was raining heavily at the time and there were few people on the street. Curley tried to keep the animal on the right side of the avenue, but was unable to control it, and at Seventy-eighth street the runaway dashed across to the opposite side,

the runaway dashed across to the opposite side, narrowly escaping several vehicles which were going up the Boulevard.

Kavanagh was standing on the curb at Seventy-sixth street when he saw the horse coming down the road. At Seventy-seventh street the runaway collided with a four-wheeled cab, which momentarily checked its speed. Kavanagh, houing to catch the animal before it started again, ran toward it. He had gone no more than fifty feet when the horse tore the buggy free and continued its course. As the runaway came up to him Kavanagh turned and, running alongside, grasped the bridle with one hand, jerking on the rein with the other. By the time the animal reached Seventy-sixth street the policeman had it under control, and a short distance fur her he brought the runaway to a full stop. Kavanagh's clothes got covered with mud, and his heel was bruised in stopping the runaway. The driver refused to give the name of the owner of the horse, but said it belonged to a Fire Commissioner.

A RELIEF PARTY IN PERIL.

Three Men Go to the Aid of a Disabled School

and Narrowly Recape Browning. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 14.-Considerable excitement was caused on the ocean front today when a schooner flying signals of distress was sighted opposite the Brighton Casino. Capt. Louis Sorcho, a diver, accompanied by two fishermen, George Harris and Dewitt Clark, put out in a rowboat and reached the shore. They found her to be the schooner Sophia Godfrey, Capt. Chapman, bound from Norfolk, Va., to New York with a cargo of barsplit, completely disabling her. She was also badly strained from rolling about in the heavy sea and was leaking freely, but was in no in mediate danger, and the Captain preferred to

mediate danger, and the Captain preferred to wait for a tug.
Sor-ho, Harris and Clark started to return to the shore. They had reached a point about 200 feet from the end of the pier when an earlock broke. The boat swung around broadside to the waves and capsized, throwing the men in the water. The unturned boat with the men clinging to it drifted down the beach. George J. Adams, with Life Guards Hichard Lee and Oliver Lee, launched a boat through the surf and rescued the diver and his companions. All three were exhausted and bruised by the hammering they had received from the waves. A tug arrived this evening and took the disabled schooner in tow.

"I'll not do it," said Casey.

'Then come out on the sidewalk." Casey reached the sidewalk Landy drew a pocket knife and sent the big blade into Casey's back clean to the handle three times. Casey

turned and was stabled again in the breast, just below the heart. In spite of his wounds he drove his flat into Landy's face.

A watchman across the street on one of the piers saw the trouble and fired two shots, which brought Policeman Faulker up on the run. He arrested Landy and Casey went to Hudson Street Hospital in an ambulance with wounds that may kill him.

Violet Foster Clowes, Formerly of Philadel-

Clowes, a young woman who made a failure in this morning at Ocean Beach. She tied fifty pounds of sand in the skirt of her dress dropped off the Olympic wharf, and went to the bottom like lead. She is of a good Philadelphia family, but came here from Texas two years family, but came here from Texas two years ago. She once belonged to Rose Coghlan's company. A stage curtain fell on her head here and injured her seriously. She was in the hospital two months. When she recovered she secured a place as a chorus girl at the Tivoli, but soon had to give it up. A few weeks ago she tried to commit suicide by gas, but failed. To-day she left a note appealing to charitable women to help girls of her class who had too much pride and self-respect to fall into vice.

LIGHTNING HITS A TROLLEY CAR.

Frightened Passenger Pushed Into the Street. Trolley car No. 164 of the Nassau line in Brooklyn was struck by lightning yesterday afternoon n Marcy avenue near Park avenue. The car was on its way to the foot of Broadway, Williamsburg. Just after it passed the corner of Hopkins street a streak of lightning hit the

find that the trend of sentiment in the organiza-tion was against him.

Mr. Sheehan's friends are fond of saying that Mr. Croker spends eight months in Europe and four months in New York, and it was said that Mr. Sheehan is taking advantage of this senti-ment, and, moreover, that he is responsible for the attacks on Mr. Croker in a New York morning newspaper.

But the principal topic of discussion at the dinner was the Mayoralty nomination, and in that Justice O'Brien's name was the one oftenest

BIG SALE OF CATTLE.

Beal of Searly \$1,000,000 Made in Prop erty Exchanges in Ballas, Tex.

DALLAS, Tex., July 14.-It was announced this afternoon that George B. Loving & Co. of Dallas and Fort Worth had just closed a sale for W. E. Hughs of Dallas of the Montana ranch and cattle belonging to the Continental Land and Cattle Company, composed of Dallas and St. Louis capitalists. The purchaser is Harry Franklin of Deadwood, S. D. The transaction is the biggest in its line since the boom days of 1880-The price is \$25 per head all round, with 2,000 calves and 150 saddle horses thrown

The company's herd approximates 25,000 head of cattle of all ages, from which only the small percentage of three and four-year-old steers and spayed cows are deducted, leaving in round numbers 20,000 head sold. The company also parts with its range rights and ranch improvements. The ranch is in the southeast corner of Montana and extends into Utah and Wyoming.

Wyoming.
George B. Loving to-day also closed a deal whereby Mesars. Gibson and Parkinson of Wegoner, Indian Territory, become the purchasers of McCutcheon Bros. eatile and ranch in Jeff Davis county, Tex. The price paid per head was not given, but the deal will approximate \$200,000. These transactions to-day reach nearly \$1,000,000, and indicate a revival in the cattle industry.

industry. CHARLES BROWN HANGED.

Thousands of Persons on the Hills of Deadwood saw the Trap Fall.

DEADWOOD, S. D., July 14.—This morning Charles Brown (colored), who two months ago killed Mrs. Emma F. Stone, was hanged her He had to be assisted up the steps to the gallows. Shortly before his execution Brown professed the Roman Catholic faith. Col. Stone, the husband of the murdered woman, occupied a place upon the scaffold, but except as a spectator did not take part in the execution, although it had been rumored that he was to adjust the noose been runnored that he was to adjust the mose and spring the trap.

Beveral thousand persons witnessed the execution. A good view of the scaffold could be hed from the surrounding hills, and every point of vantage was occupied. When Brown full through the trap cheers and handelabping could be heard by those surrounding the swaying body.

ing body. Robbery was the motive. The negro entered the house in the husband's absence, and when the woman resisted cut her throat. Young Men Asleep on a Lofty Perch

RICHMOND, Va., July 14.-Two young men were found asleep by a City Hall watchman to night on a frail balcony at the apex of the City Hall tower, 250 feet from the ground. They ac-companied an excursion from Norfolk, and while intoxicated climbed to the top of the tower and pulled the door to behind them. In cramped positions in this little iron crow's nest they slept profoundly until hauled down.

WOMEN'S JUBILEE DINNER.

Each Lady Privileged to Invite a Distin Man—A Great Success.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. LONDON, July 14.-Lively interest has been taken in a novel entertainment that was promoted by a hundred distinguished ladies, under the name of the Women's Jubilee Dinner the idea being to celebrate the progress women have made during the Queen's reign, and the new vocations that have been opened to them. The din-ner was held in the Grafton Galleries. Each lady was privileged to invite a distinguished man. The invidious distinctions involved in this arrangement furnished amusement and speculation in society for days.

The affair was a great success. Only two toasts were offered. Mrs. Steel, who toasted the Queen, excited much laughter by addressing the guests as "Gentlemen and ladies," instead of using the time-honored form of "Ladies and

Lady Henry Somerset next proposed "Our Guests," to which the Bishop of London responded. He voiced the prevailing feeling among the men present when he said: "Could we distract our minds from our companions and look into each other's faces we should perceive a sense of deep unworthiness, each man inly vondering how the other man came to be asked." Among the hostesses were Lady Randolph Churchill, Mrs. Craigse, Mrs. Fawcett, Sarah Grand, Lady Jeune, the Duchess of Leeds, Miss Flora Shaw, Mrs. Henry M. Stanley, Antoinette Sterling, Ellen Terry, and Mrs. Humphrey

The guests included Mr. Whitelaw Reid, Lord Charles Beresford, James Bryce, M. P., Mr. George N. Curzon, Sir John Gorst, Vice-Presi-dent of the Committee of the Council; Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State fo India; Mr. William Lecky, M. P.; Sir Frank Lockwood, M. P.; Mr. John Morley, Henry M. Stanley, M. P., and the authors Thomas Hardy, Anthony Hope, Lewis Morris, and Andrew Lang.

COL. HAY'S RECEPTION

1,200 Guests Attend One of the Most Brilliant Functions of the Season

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. LONDON, July 14.-The reception given at their residence to-night by Ambassador and Mrs. Hay, in honor of Mr. Whitelaw Reid and the American Bishops who are attending the Lambeth Conference, was one of the most brilliant functions of the season. Twelve hundred guests attended, and the police made special arrangements to regulate the throng of carriages.

Mr. and Mrs. Hay received their guests up stairs amid a bower of flowers. The house was beautifully decorated. The tollets of the ladies were gorgeous, and many jewels were worn, Many of the men wore uniforms and their orders. The Bishops were lionized, and they passed through the rooms beaming and chatting. Among the guests were Senator Wolcott, Gen Paine, ex-Vice-President Stevenson, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Sir Julian and Lady Pauncefote, Lord Halsbury, the Lord High Chancellor: Viscount Cross, Lord Privy Seal. and many other titled personages, the Ambassadors, and a number of prominent Americans Dancing continued until a late hour.

KILLED IN THE MANGUVRES. lomebody Blundered in the Cavalry Exercises

rial Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Paris, July 14 .- It is reported that through a

fatal blunder on the part of some one in authority at the cavalry managuves at Nancy yester day, one or more persons were killed and a num ber of others seriously injured. Several squadrons of hussars were or-dered to charge, but through a miscon-

eption of the orders two squadrons dashed together. Dozens of troopers were unhorsed and trampled upon, one man being killed outright, while another had his skull fractured and is dying. A number of others had their arms or legs broken, and were otherwise

BRITISH NAVAL WORKS.

New Berths for Twenty Battleships at Dover-

clared that, notwithstanding Mr. Sneeman's con-stant and almost daily denial, he is "running a knife into Richard Croker." Mr. Sheehan, it was said, protests too constantly his loyalty to Mr. Croker. Yet, it was added, he has made such headway sgainst Mr. Croker that even though the latter should return to New York late in August or early in September he would find that the trend of sentiment in the organiza-tion was against him. LONDON, July 14 .- In the House of Commons day Mr. J. A. Chamberlain, member for East Worcestershire, moved the second reading of the Naval Works bill. The revised estimate, he said, proposed the establishment of naval works at Dover to cost £3,500,000. There would be an inclosed space of 610 acres, with berthing accommodations for twenty battleships, besides amaller vessels.

The Gibraltar harbor would be rendered abso lutely secure and enlarged by ninety acres. A new dock would be constructed at Colombo and naval barracks at Sheerness. The bill passed its second reading.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE IN ENGLAND The Bill Withdrawn in the House of Com

Special Cubic Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, July 14. - The House of Commons the ther day persisted in a long discussion of a bill regarding vermin in order to occupy time so as not to reach the next stage of the Woman Suffrage bill. This aroused a tremendous burst of indignation on the part of the woman suffragists, who have been eloquent in their sar

caam ever since. The House advanced the Woman Suffrage bill in its early stages, but never intended the actual passage of the measure. The bill was withdrawn o-day, and the matter is thus ended for the present session.

W. K. VANDERBILT VISITS MOSCOW. He and His Party Spend Two Days Sightseeing There.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN.

MOSCOW, July 14.-Mr. William K. Vander bilt and the party accompanying him returned to St. Petersburg to-day after having spent two days in sightseeing here. The party arrived at St. Petersburg on Mr. Vanderbilt's steam yacht Valiant and came to this city on a special train Their arrival created somewhat of a sensa ion, as special trains in Russia are usually as sociated with royalty. They were received in the station staterooms by railroad officials. The party spent the time here in driving about the city and its neighborhood in sumptuously apappointed troikas.

ENGLAND'S BIG STRIKE. Many Non-Union Engineers Join with the Union Men-Over 25,000 Out.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR. LONDON, July 14 .- The ranks of the striking engineers received an accession to-day from an entirely unexpected quarter, the non-union en gineers at Newcastle-on-Tyne joining the strike without any solicitation from the union men. The employees at Armstrong's extensive rorks at Elswick have all given notice of their intention to quit work. Before these accessions were received the number of men on strike was 25,000.

TRANSVAAL RAID COMMENTS. The Globe Indignant Because the Invaders Are

Not Extelled as Patriots. Special Cable Despaich to THE BUN. LONDON, July 14.—The Globs discusses the reort of the South Africa committee with much hitterness. The net effect of the report, it says s that it stigmatizes patriotism as a crime. The Globe and the Pall Mall Gazette say it

MANY ARRESTS IN HAVANA.

PUT INTO JAIL.

Eighty Prominent Citisens Accused of Selling

ment I send this despatch Havana is in the greatest state of excitement that has existed here since the war began. Eighty rich Spanish merchants and bankers were arrested here today accused of selling merchandise and medicines to the Cuban patriots.

city of Havana; José Sarrá, a million-aire druggist; Johnson, another wealthy druggist and a professor at the university; Senores Loredo, Torralbas, Marinas, Benito Alvarez, Villaverde, the brothers Castro, Ramon Arguelles, President of the Havana railroad, Alberto de Ximeno, manager of the same railroad, and others.

\$12,900,000. All the other persons arrested represent together probably over \$20,000,000. It is said, also, that the wealthy Spanish banker. Don Luciano Ruiz, who has important relations with New York and London, is compromised in

Chamber of Commerce of Havana and until now a friend of the Marquis of Palmerola, Civil Gov-ernor of Havana, interceded with the Marquis on behalf of the prisoners. The Marquis answered: "The insurgents risk their lives sacking the

ger. Now we will see if they can continue to do it." have been doing the same thing without danthat the whole business is blackmail and that the Chief of Police, Senor Labarrera, has informed

\$100,000 be paid. Senor Quesada, the ex-Mayor of Havana, is very indignant over his arrest. He says: "I am a merchant and I sell my merchandise to any

The Marquis of Palmerola has sent a cable despatch to Madrid about the case. It is generally believed that the Marquis, as well as the

Chief of Police, acted under instructions from Gen. Weyler. Many of the prisoners were arrested in the

DID CUBANS CAPTURE THE GUNS? Oh, No: They Merely Bought Them of Some

fact which is making much comment here. Near El Seborncal, Remedios, Santa Clara province, the Spanish Captain Estrada, with his guerrilla forces, captured a Cuban stock of arms, including several American rifles, and two big gun carriages, made in Barcelona, Spain. The cannon, it appears, had been taken from the car riages by the insurgents and put in some safer

Everybody here at once began talking about those mysterious guns. "Had the Cubans cap-tured two cannons from a Spanish fort! If so, what fort was it ?"

This morning the mystery was solved, to the great surprise of the Spanish loyalists. The cannon were sold to the Cubans by two Spanish officers, who were very influential with the Government and with Gen. Weyler. The discovery, therefore, will not be attended with further disagreeable consequences than the scandal it has produced; and even La Lucha repents having unwittingly exposed two power-

While such remarkable incidents are showing the real character of Gen. Weyler's administration, the uncompromising party. La Union Con-Directors, to instruct its newspaper press in Cuba and Spain to reply to the attacks upon the Spanish Government in the press of the United States, and to protest against "the slanders of the American people upon the Spanish Administration," At the same time the party has decided "to approve the reforms of Schor Canovas and declare its enthusiastic

News from Puerto Principe, published with the permission of the press censor, confirms the earlier reports in THE SUN that the city of Puerto Principe is suffering from a meat famine. The insurgents have captured all the cat-

ARCTIC BALLOONING.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SU

A southerly storm arose on July 2 which nearly destroyed his balloon, and this was succeeded by a heavy northerly wind, which prevalled until July 10. The advices received to

EUROPE AND OUR TARIFF.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUS

Mine. Nordica Still Improving. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR.

The Stolen Galusborough Portrait. Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. Lospos, July 14.-The famous Gainsborough

ago, is now believed to be forthcoming from a recently released Belgian convict. Lady Selina Scott Reirased To-Day. Special Cable Desputch to THE SUR.

Holloway Jail to-morrow.

British Gunboat Bound for Behring Sea. Special Cable Desputch to THE BUY. LONDON, July 14.- The British sloop Wild Swan and the gunboat Pheasant of the Pacific squadron have been ordered to leave Victoria, B. C., on Monday next for Behring Sea.

New American Bishop.

ROME, July 14.—Mgr. Butler, who was recently elevated to the sec of Concordia, Kan., has would be a pleasing termination of the inquiry to restore to Sir John Willoughby and his brother officers their commissions in the army, arrived in this city. His consecration as a Bishop will take place on Sunday next.

YELLOW JACK AT PACIFIC PORTS. A Passenger from Panama Thinks Our People

tic side they are rigidly barred out.

He thinks it is scandalous that certain Contral American and Mexican ports have not been declared infected by the local health authorities In his opinion there is grave danger that infection may be carried to cities of the United States, both on this coast and on the Atlantic side. Such a condition of affairs would never

His diary shows that five days after leaving Pansma a Salvadorean who had been on a vacation to Europe, died of yellow fever, and three hours later another death occurred. On the following day the ship's baker died. Still more passengers were taken on, and the next day the third engineer died. The ship's surgeon declared that the disease was pernicious malarial fever, but the patients developed all the signs of yellow fever, and death was swift in every

The Bicycle Policeman Stops a Runaway in the Boulevard. Bicycle Policeman Kavanagh, who stopped a runaway in Second avenue a week ago and was

hurt much.

he is inclined just now to coquette with Tammany. These same persons say that from a personal standpoint it would not have been good politics for Mr. Scott to have attended the dinner. There could be no possible objection, though, to Mr. Power accepting an invitation, and Mr. Power accepting an invitation, and Mr. Power did so. There was just as much significance in Mr. Power's presence at the dinner as there would have been in Mr. Scott'a.

Mr. Power is second in command of the sound-money Democrata, and is quite as fully authorized to speak for them as Mr. Scott is.

One of those at the dinner last evening said before the affair took place: "There is no use denying it, this will be quite as important a dinner, politically speaking, as any Mr. Whitney has ever given. The situation in Greater New York will be discussed of carrying on a campaign against any body of Democrats that insists on making the platform of a Democratic candidate for Mayor the platform of the Chicago convention. I dear't knew that candidates will be suggested to-night, but if they are. I fancy that one name would stand out clear above all others, if, indeed, any other were mentioned. I mean the host of the evening, the Hon. William Colins Whitney. If Mr. Whitney would consent to be a candidate he would sweep the Greater New York like a cyclone. He is my candidate, and I hope to find others at the dinner who are of my way of thinking."

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STABBED IN BACK AND HEART.

Casey May Die Because He Befused to Pay for the Drinks. "Pay for the drinks!" said John Landy, 22 years old, of 110 South street to Michael Casey. also 22, of the same place, during a game of dice

in the saloon of that number.

The men went out, Casey ahead, Landy just behind, and the other players behind them. As

HER STAGE CAREER A FAILURE.

phia, Commits Suicide in California. SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 14.-Violet Foster dramatic career, committed suicide early

fobody Hurt Except an Old Woman Whom I

Hopkins street a streak of lightning hit the copper feed wire and running down the trolley pole it hurned out the fuse. There was a loud report, the car halted abruptly and the passengers occame wildly excited.

A short, stout man who was in a great hurry to leave the car pushed Mrs. J. F. Shay, an aged woman, of 203 Penn street, into the sireet. She fell on her head and when she was carried to the sidewalk it was found that she was suffering from concussion of the brain. She was taken to her home in a cab. The name of the man who pushed her from the car was not learned.

Cleveland in 14 hours and 15 minutes by New York Central. Leave Grand Central Station 5:00 P. M., ar-rive Cleveland 7:15. Toledo 10:05 next morning. Chicago 4:00 P. M.—449.

BANKERS, MERCHANTS, AND OTHERS

Arms and Medicines to the Cubans-Many of Them Are Among the Wealthiest Men in the City-They Say It Means Blackmall, HAVANA, via Key West, July 14 .- At the mo-

Those under arrest include prominent members of the Union Constitutional party, and men who have held important official positions

among them are:
Don Antonio Quesada, ex-Mayor of the

Señor Arguelles's capital is estimated at Don Rovendo Fernandez, President of the

towns of the Spaniards. But these persons here

It is said by the friends of the arrested men the prisoners that they will be released and no further proceedings will be taken if the sum of

one who pays the price,"

Stock Exchange. A crowd gathered around the jail, protesting against the arrests.

Spanish Army Officers. HAVANA, July 10 .- La Lucha has revealed a

ful friends of the Captain-General.

support of Gen. Weyler."

tle around the city.

Mr. Andree Had Not Started on His Journey Up to July 10.

LONDON, July 14 .- Advices received here today from Spitzbergen show that up to July 10 Mr. S. A. Andree had not yet started on his polar balloon voyage.

day say that Andree hoped to start by July 15.

Talk of a General Conference to Deal with Our Sugar Situation LONDON, July 14 .- A despatch to the Chroncle from Vienna says it is reported there that a European conference will be convoked either at Vienna or Berlin to discuss measures against the United States tariff policy concerning

sugar bounties.

LONDON. July 14.-The condition of Mme. Nordica, the prima donna, is much improved this morning, and her progress toward recovery is very satisfactory. Mrs. Adair, an American lady well known in society here, who is ill with peritonitis, is also improving.

masterpiece, a portrait of the beautiful Duchess of Devoushire, which was stolen some years

LONDON, July 14.-Lady Selina Scott, who was sentenced in January last to eight months' imprisonment for criminally libelling her son-in-law, Earl Russell, will be released from

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR.

San Francisco, Cal., July 14 .- A passenger who arrived by the last Panama steamer says that yellow fever is raging at all Central American and Mexidan ports on this coast, and deaths and burials from steamers are far more numererous than the ship reports show. He says that one of the passengers who embarked at Panama came straight from the hospital, and was just convalescent from yollow fever. Vessels on this side permit passengers to come on board from infected ports like Panama, while on the Atlan

be allowed in any European city.

TEA SLUMPS IN THE ORIENT. Prices Go to Pieces Since Congress Practically Decided Against a Duty.

TACOMA, Wash., July 14 -Ten has taken great slump in markets of Yokohama, Kobe, and Chinese cities since the large shipments of tea were hurried to America for entry before July 1. This has been due to a small demand and the subsequent knowledge that the proposed duty of 10 cents a pound expected to become effec-tive on July 1 would probably be dropped by

Congress. The demand became so light late in June that Yokohama native dealers and foreign buyers mutually agreed to discontinue business for five days. Word received to-day says that tea is cheaper there than for a long time. It is reported that New York and Chicago importers will lose on the recent heavy importations as the result of the failure of the proposed duty and subsequent fall in prices.

THANKS TO OUR WAR SHIPS. The Assailants of an American in Tangier Arrested and Punished

WASHINGTON, July 14.-David N. Burke. United States Consul-General at Tangier, Morocco, has informed the State Department by telegraph that the men who assaulted and robbed the agent of an American firm in Tangier had been arrested and punished by the authorities. This tardy action was secured by the preence of the cruisers San Francisco and Raleigh at Tangler. The Raleigh reached Gibraltar yesterday and the San Francisco joined her to-day. The State Department will make a demand for indemnity.

Holman Friction-Geared Locomotives to B Tested on the South Jersey Railroad. CAPE MAY, N. J., July 14.-Two Holman frie tion-geared locomotives arrived here to-day and

MAY RUN 100 MILES AN HOUR.

bring the speed up to 100 miles. They were built at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, Phila delphia, and stand sixteen feet from the track. BRYAN GOING TO MEXICO. He Wishes to Study the Condition of Busine

MONTEREY, Mexico, July 14 .- Mr. W. J. Bryan has written to a friend here that he will come to Mexico this fall and spend a month visiting all the principal cities of this country.

The object of his visit is to make a personal

in a Free-Silver Country.

paign in the United States. NOT A WOMAN IN JAIL.

All Their Pines Were Paid When It was Pro posed to Have Them Break Rocks. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 14.-The proposition of the County Commissioners of Kansas City, Kan., to work women prisoners at the rock pile had the effect to-day to clear the jail of women for the first time in many months. Before the hour for the wegon to arrive to take the prisoners out to the rock pile some relative or friend of every woman in the jail had appeared and paid her fine and there were no women to take. The order that the women were to wear overalls like the men added new terrors to stone breaking.

Street Blasting Partly Wrecks Seven Houses CHICAGO, July 14 .- Residents near West Fortyeighth avenue and Erie street were awakened at 4 o'clock this morning by a tremendous shower of stones which crashed through their roofs. The shower was the result of blasting with dynamite for a new sewer. Seven houses were partly wrecked by fragments of stone, some of them weighing fully 100 pounds. For-tunately nobody was injured, although the stones fell in bedchambers where men, women, and children were sleeping.

and children were sleeping. Gov. Black to Go to the Adirondacks To-Day. ALBANY, July 14 .- Gov. Black will go to the Adirondacks to-morrow morning, where he will remain for four or five weeks at his camp on one of the smaller lakes within a few miles of Saranac Inn. Col. Griffith, the Governor's private secretary, is at Alexandria Bay. Thousand Islands, where he will remain for the next month. The Governor's military secretary, Col. Treadwell, will remain at the Executive Chamber to attend to the official business of the executive department until the Governor and Col. Griffith attend to the official business of the executive department until the Governor and Col. Griffith

Joe Jefferson's Dutch Windmill Wrecked. BUZZARO'S BAY, Mass., July 14.-The old Dutch windmill which has been one of the princi-

return.

pal features of "Crow's Nest," Joseph Jefferson's summer home here, was almost entirely de-molished by the storm to-day. The big arms were dashed to the ground and the main struc-ture was hadly wrocked. At Gray Gables the sea wall built by Dr. Clevcland the past year withstood the tremendous shock of the waves and the farming land escaped inundation. Tennessee White Caps Whip Four Men. CLARKSVILLE, Tenn., July 14.-Four men i this county have been dealt with summarily by a band of White Caps. Thomas Harvie, Thomas

Mixon, a man name! Swift, and another named Crick early this week were token from their ionies, stripped, and unmercivally flogged with hickory switches. The charges are that they belong to a band of petty thieves. Two men counted the White Cappers as they passed them on the road. They numbered 100, all armed.

A Pillar of Flame. SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., July 14.-Two of the largest producing oil wells in the Elkhorn field, ony's brick yard have seen the water in the hear this city, caught fire yesterday, and in spite of the efforts of the drillers the blaze secured such a firm hold that it could not be ex-tinguished. To day the flaming gas and oil forms a shaft, which varies from two to six hundred feet in height.

Miss Smith Didn't Shoot True. YORK, Pa., July 14.-Miss Alice Smith went to a butcher shop this afternoon and tried to kill Daniel Meisenhelder. The bullet only produced a slight wound. Miss Smith was lealous of Meisenhelder's attention to another woman, Meisenhelder declined to proceed against her.

Pension Agencies Is Revoked. WASHINGTON, July 14.-President McKinley to-day revoked the order of President Cleve-land, dated Feb. 6, 1897, reducing the number of pension agencies from eighteen to nine.

Cleveland's Order Reducing the Number of

PRICE TWO CENTS.

SEVEN KILLED BY FLOOD. OFERWHELMED BY THE CONTENTS

OF TWO RESERVOIRS. The Melsingah Dams, Xear Fishkill, Give Way,

and 12,000.000 Gallens of Water Brecend I'pon a Brickyard-Three Houses Swept Away and Smashed to Kindling Wood-The Half Hundred Persons Who Lived in the Houses Were Safe on Bigh Ground When the Flood Came, but Became Panie-Stricken at the Roaring Water and Fled Into Danger -Few of These Who Escaped Can Toll How They Were Saved-New York Central Tracks Washed Out and Travel Greatly Impeded.

The two dams that held the water in the Melzingah reservoir, 500 feet up on the Fishkill Mountains, south of the village of Fishkill, broke, one after the other, shortly after 2 o'clock resterday morning, and the twelve million gallons of water stored in the reservoir, thus suddenly released, went roaring and thundering, like a small Niagara, down a mountain ravine a thousand yards to the Hudson. There was a brickyard in its path, and, besides this, two frame buildings, little more than shantles, and a tenement house. In these lived the laborers in the yard and their families. They had warning of what was coming, and leaped or tumbled out of the houses to places of safety, but when the mighty roar of waters sounded, and when they saw the houses swept from their foundations and smashed almost to kindling, they became panic-stricke and, fleeing for higher ground, seven of them, a man, two women, and four children, were swept away by the water and drowned. It was all over in fifteen minutes, and in the confusion that followed and that lasted for hours it was thought that many more persons had lost their lives, but all were accounted for later except two of the chilren that are known to have been drowned. Five bodies had been recovered. There was a story that one other man, an Italian, had loss his life, too. The panic-stricken people in the village believed it, but none of them could tell anything about him, and the roll call showed only those missing whose bodies had been recovered, and the two other children who are known to have been drowned.

The Melzingah reservoirs were two of the

eservoirs that help to make up the water sup-

ply of the villages of Fishkill and Matteawan, ying on the east bank of the Hudson, opposite the city of Newburg. The main reservoir of the water supply is high up on South Beacon Mountain, and holds many times as much water as these two. The Fishkill Mountains are a part of the Highlands of the Hudson, and the name given is local. They rise from 300 to 1,000 feet above sea level all the way from Peekskill to Fishkill village. The highest points are along the upper end of the range. Years ago the surface water on the mountains above Dutchess Junction, the station below Fishkill Landing on the New York Central Railroad, ran off into the Hudson by a little brook sometimes known as the Tonawanda, and sometimes as the Melsin ah. Five hundred feet up the mountain side there were two shallow lakes or pools, where the water accumulated in some quantities, and in the dry seasons, when the brook down the mountain ran dry, these shallow lakes held water for days. The brook down the mountain ran through a natural ravine, with towering will be tried on the South Jersey Railroad on Friday. The engines used last year are reported rocky sides part of the way. Half way down there was a rocky precipice thirty-five feet high, over which the water fell, to continue on down to have made ninety-six miles an hour on sev eral occasions, and the new ones are expected to the slope to the almost flat lands at the bottom. These fist lands are solid clay of the aind used in making bricks, and that is how the brickyard and the three houses came to be located at the foot of the mountain directly in the path of the brook. The ravine down which the brook ran varied in width from ten to twenty feet. The flat lands were perhaps 300 yards across. On either side the land was higher, and down through the centre in recent years there has been a high strip, the result of the digging out of the clay. The creek when its side of this strip of high ground. The study of the condition of business affairs in a three houses were built on the slope of free-silver country and to accumulate data on the subject, to be used in his free-silver camtwo-story frame buildings that had never been dignified by paint, and the third was a three story building, brick to the second floor and e above that. It was the three-story building that was used as a tenement. The two frame buildings were merely places to sleep in, hardly more than frames with sides and roofs. There are three or four other buildings on the mountain road north, sixty feet or more above the level, too high to figure in this calamity, and on the south, 100 yards away, is a high frame tenement, also too high to be damaged. Where the brook took its last tumble to the flat lands is the old post road, and across the ravine at that point was a wooden bridge. The tracks of the New York Central Rails run along the river's edge outside the brickyard and the brook flowed into the river under the tracks through a stone culvert. All this is necessary to make plain exactly what happened when the deluge of water came in the early

hours yesterday morning. The two shallow lakes told about were turned into reservoirs by the water company which furnishes the near-by villages with water some cight years ago. All that was necessary to nake them reservoirs was to build dams above the ravine in two places. At first the company thought one reservoir would be sufficient, and they built the upper dam of the two and thus made storage room for about six million gallons of water. As this was to be the only dam, it was built in the place best adapted for it. That was a cut between two small peaks in the mountain. The cut was about thirty feet deep and about the same distance across. The water backed up behind this dam a hundred feet or so. The cut spread out back of the dam the width of the shallow lake, which was about 150 yards. After the first dam was built new storage room was required and the second dam was put in. At the very beginning of the ravine there were two natural hills. The distance between them was a little greater than it was where the first dam was built, and the econd dam was built across between them. Then the anchorages on either side were solid ground. From the top of this solid ground to the bottom of the old lake was emething over thirty feet, and this reservoir when the dam was built held, like the first reservoir, 6,000,000 gallons. The two reservoirs covered about 21g acres. The water from the upper reservoir flowed into the lower one, and there were supply pipes running from the sec and down the mountain to the village. The gate was near the second dam. Of course there were the ordinary overflow arrangements that all reservoirs have. It was this overflow that made

Time and time again, every year, the people who live on the flat lands and work in Francis Tim brook or creek rise almost to the level of their houses. It was a common occurrence. It hap-pened dozens of times every spring when the snow on the mountain melted. It happened after every big storm when the surface water that supplied the reservoir was largely increased in volume. It seldom got high enough to flood the first floors and so it didn't worry the people. They said yesterday that they had often talked about what would happen if the dams broke, but none of them ever thought that they would break. The truth is that most of the sixty-oild people who lived in the houses and worked in the brief yard were transients. The population changed

The first of the rain that caused the dams to break came Saturday. It rained again on Sun